Withdrawal of duty drawback facility

2892. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to withdraw the Duty Drawback facility available to exporters;

(b) if so, whether this will adversely affect the exports; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to compensate the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

India's share of exports to E.E.C. countries

2893. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's share of exports to EEC countries together with major items of exports;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to explore the possibilities of Indian exports of skilled manpower and agricultural and agro-based products to the EEC.

(c) whether Indian Mission in EEC countries have stressed the needs for a data bank and an umbrella organisation in Europe to disseminate the relevant information; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Indian exports during Jan. to Sept. 1991 accounted for 1.03% of the total extra EEC imports. Major items of exports to EEC are Textiles and Garments, Gems & Jewellery, Agricultural & Marine Products, Manufactured Goods in Engineering & Electronics Sector, Chemicals and Sports Goods. (Source: Embassy of India, Brussels) (b) Government endeavours to promote exports of agricultural and agro-based Products to EEC through steps such as participation in specialised trade fairs/exhibitions, organising buyers-sellers meets, seminars & market surveys. India has in the Uruguay Round of negotiations proposed freer movement of personnel in the service sector.

(c) and (d) As a first step, all Indian Missions in European Community countries are being equipped with computers to establish data bases.

F.I.C.C.I, urges for Barter Agreement with Foreign Countries

2894. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged upon Government to treat barter agreements entered into by the Indian parties with foreign countries under the deferred payment scheme at par with the sale proceeds accrued from exports in convertible foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction or decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Primary and secondary export products and value added products

2895. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has reviewed the entire gamut of export incentives and introducing a two tier system comprising primary and secondary export products and value added products; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The new Import and Export Policy effective from 1.4.1992 is being formulated.